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... at Bethlehem's Manger Square yesterday afternoon: a Patriarch Msgr. Joseph James Beltritti (centre, with clasped hands) leads the procession in prayer. To his immediate left is the Rev. Fr. Elias Frei. To Msgr. Beltritti's immediate right is a young boy (in beret) who is Bethlehem military governor and his wife. Behind him is the head of the Bethlehem area police, Sgt. Nitzan Gvati. (Stories on Page 2)

Rafah region centre gets Cabinet approval

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Cabinet decided yesterday to set up a regional centre in the Rafah region, to provide services to the Israeli army units in the area.

The centre will encompass 350 families in the regional centre of Rafah, which is being developed by the Ministry of Defense. The centre will be headed by a military governor, and will be the first of a series of regional centres to be set up in the Gaza Strip in former Egyptian territory.

The decision was announced by the Prime Minister, Golda Meir, in a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. The decision was also supported by the Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan, and the Defense Minister, Moshe Arenson.

The Rafah region is one of the most densely populated areas in the Gaza Strip. It is home to about 100,000 people, many of whom are refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. The region has long been a centre of political and social activity, and has been the site of several major incidents in recent years.

The new regional centre is expected to be completed by the end of the year. It will include a school, a health centre, and a community centre. It will also be the base for a number of Israeli military units, which will be responsible for the security of the area.

Israel to close Niger, Brazzaville embassies

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel is to close its embassies in Niger and Congo-Brazzaville and reduce its representation to those two countries to the level of non-resident ambassador (to Niger) and non-resident charge d'affaires (to Congo). The news came in a statement from the Foreign Ministry spokesman released in Jerusalem yesterday. The statement said the changes were part of a reappraisal of Israel's diplomatic representation abroad.

At the same time the statement noted that Israel was opening a number of new embassies and consulates around the world. In Haiti, an embassy would soon be established; until now Israel has had a non-resident ambassador accredited to Haiti. Israel also intended to set up embassies in Bolivia and New Zealand instead of the non-resident ambassadors who have been accredited until now.

In Hongkong, the statement continued, consular offices would soon be established, and in Rwanda a full embassy (instead of a charge d'affaires). A charge d'affaires will also be sent to Swaziland with accreditation to Botswana and Lesotho.

Israel's relations with Niger have been considered fragile ever since neighbouring Chad broke ties with Jerusalem last month after massive pressure from Libya and Saudi Arabia. Niger is also known to be under pressure from the Arabs.

Officials in Jerusalem stressed yesterday that the closure of the embassy did not mean a breach in relations. They refused to explain the reasons behind the move, some attributing it to "budgetary cutbacks" and others to "a general reappraisal of our position in Africa and around the world." Jerusalem is hoping that the removal of the resident ambassador will enable relations between Israel and Niger to settle into a normal and tension-free pattern.

As regards Congo-Brazzaville, it had long been felt in Jerusalem that this radical regime was hostile, even hostile, towards Israel and if there was to be a general reappraisal of the embassy there would be an obvious candidate for closure.

The non-resident envoys to Niger and Congo will probably be ambassadors stationed elsewhere in Africa. The Foreign Ministry intends them to show themselves at Niamey and Brazzaville from time to time.

Israel's four experts in Niger working on development projects are expected to remain at their posts. Niger is represented in Israel by the ambassador of the Ivory Coast, who is accredited for Nigeria too. Congo-Brazzaville is represented by a charge d'affaires.

Egyptian storm troops graduate

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt's War Minister, General Ahmed Ismail, yesterday watched military exercises and attended a graduation ceremony of new storm troops, it was announced here.

General Ismail, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, urged the men to continue training in preparation for the "ultimate liberation of Arab territories occupied by Israel." He had spent two days inspecting the northern sector of the Suez Canal front.

Meanwhile, Arab League Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad sent out invitations yesterday to Arab foreign and defence ministers and chiefs of staff to meet in Cairo on January 27 to consider plans of unified action against Israel, political sources said.

Mrs. Meir going to Paris

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Premier Golda Meir told the Cabinet yesterday that she planned to go to Paris in January for the meeting of the Socialist International. (She is deputy chairman of the International.)

Mrs. Meir said she had attended previous Socialist International gatherings in Vienna and Rome, and she hoped she would have the opportunity to meet other Prime Ministers and party chiefs, during her stay of two or three days in the French capital.

The Cabinet communique gave no details of Mrs. Meir's schedule in Paris, nor did it mention the dates of her visit. But she is sure to use the visit for bilateral talks with her opposite numbers about Middle East problems.

However, there was no knowledge in Jerusalem last night of meetings with any French Government leaders.

Relations between this country and France, which have been greatly strained since 1967 by the arms embargo and France's pro-Arab actions and declarations, may not make such meetings possible from Israel's point of view.

If Mrs. Meir does meet any French Ministers, she would be taking the risk, theoretically, that this step could be exploited in the French election campaign — in which the ruling Gaullists may seek a share of the Jewish vote.

MANAGUA BEING EVACUATED Nicaraguan quake toll increases to 12,000



Alia Toukan, as she was pictured on Jordan TV last night, when it was announced that the 24-year-old Palestinian beauty was married yesterday to King Hussein, a few days after his divorce from English-born Princess Muna. (Weiss)

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (UPI). — The Nicaraguan government ordered all survivors evacuated from Managua's smoldering ruins yesterday as new earth tremors shook through the Central American city. Rescue workers buried in mass graves hundreds of people killed in Saturday's earthquakes.

The first official estimate of dead was 10,000 to 12,000.

However, Nicaragua's ambassador in London yesterday put the death toll at 20,000, twice as high as other reports received from the area. The ambassador, Mr. Ricardo Fariales, said he had also received reports that some 50,000 people were injured.

Tremors shook the city centre early yesterday morning and then late in the afternoon, nearly 36 hours after the first of several earthquakes toppled buildings and sent thousands fleeing in panic.

At least 200 tremors had been felt by early yesterday morning. Thousands were believed dead in the rubble and about 800 bodies were hurriedly placed in mass graves by army troops.

The government declared a state of emergency and imposed martial law to deal with the panic. Thousands of people jammed all available means of transportation in a mass exodus to the countryside.

Mother and child sit forlornly in Managua street where their home was destroyed during Saturday's shattering earthquake. (AP radiophoto)

11TH B-52 DOWNED U.S. bombing stops for Christmas truce

SAIGON. — American bombers which have been pounding Hanoi for seven straight days in the heaviest raid of the Vietnam war ceased bombing in upper North Vietnam yesterday, for a brief Christmas cease-fire, a military source said.

However, White House officials yesterday flatly refused to comment on reports that President Nixon had in fact called a Christmas halt to the bombing of North Vietnam.

They also refused to say that should there be a halt, it might continue after the truce expires at 12 p.m. today Israel time.

Officially, the U.S. Command refused comment on the report and was not expected to say anything until the next scheduled briefing tomorrow.

an AC-130 computerized gunship in a parallel aerial campaign in neighbouring Laos.

While the Command would not disclose the number of missing airmen in the three losses, other U.S. officials put it at a total of between nine and 15 Americans still missing. Nine of the crewmen aboard the three planes were rescued.

The AC-130 four-engine gunship, the biggest in the Air Force, was shot down on Thursday night and two of the crewmen rescued, the Command said. The others are missing. (Continued page 4, col. 4)

Norwegian P.M. on private visit

LOD AIRPORT. — Norwegian Prime Minister Lars Korvald arrived by SAS yesterday on a private Christmas holiday, accompanied by his wife and two children. Although officials stressed that the visit was strictly private, a meeting has been arranged for tomorrow between Mr. Korvald and Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Mr. Korvald told reporters on arrival here that he had no particular topic to raise with Mrs. Meir. "This is my first visit here. My country is good friends with Israel, about which we learn so much from the time we are children. Therefore we are happy to be here, and hope that we will enjoy ourselves," said Mr. Korvald. (Times)

90% DESTROYED
Officials estimated that about 90 per cent of the buildings in the capital were damaged or demolished. An army colonel estimated the property damage would reach \$2,000m. All the principal buildings in the city were damaged, including the presidential palace, part of which broke away and slid into a lake.

The city continued without lights or drinking water and rescue officials feared a typhoid epidemic, caused by the decomposition of many bodies still buried under the tons of debris that was once downtown Managua. The temperature reached 34 degrees Centigrade yesterday.

The city looked like a ghost town early yesterday. Army patrols on the streets to prevent looting, had orders to shoot on sight anyone they caught stealing from the wreckage.

The exodus from the city was complicated by lack of transport. Commercial public transportation was available, but the refugees had to pay. No government transport was available and the government radio appealed to citizens with cars to help in the evacuation.

The evacuees from this city of 300,000 headed for provincial cities where they hoped to find safety on the higher ground.

There was still no telephone communications connecting Managua with the rest of the world and the only commercial link with the outside was through a satellite ground station outside Managua.

CHILD VICTIMS
Many of the dead appeared to be children who were trapped by falling debris. Temporary hospitals were set on highways leading from the city as those abandoning their ruined homes passed by helping injured relatives or mourning the dead left behind.

Relief poured in from North and South America and Europe by air.

One reason given on government radio for the evacuation was possible contamination of the drinking water.

Fires continued to burn in the city but the government said they were under control.

Thousands of bodies, to be buried in common graves, were lined up on the banks of Lake Managua. There were few caskets available and sometimes as many as three people, men, women and children mixed, were buried in the same casket. The Red Cross said it would open common graves immediately because the tropical climate of Managua would speed decomposition and increase the danger of typhoid and tetanus for the survivors.

Yesterday, many dead still lay on the streets and bulldozers were plowing through the rubble. Units of the national guard were called in from the countryside to help in the grim task of opening common graves, trying to identify the dead, and bury them.

Many of the buildings still standing are so badly damaged that even rescue workers were afraid to enter. The U.S. army sent a demolition team with 2,000 lbs. of explosives into Managua to blast dangerous structures.

Col. Jose Ahagret, leader of the (Continued page 4, col. 1)

Israel sends aid to Managua

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel yesterday dispatched 50 kilos of medical supplies to Nicaragua as a first consignment of aid for the victims of the earthquake. The consignment was sent with a Nicaraguan student who cut short his course in Israel to return to his devastated home town of Managua.

Israel's ambassador to Costa Rica, Yosef Nevo, wired the Foreign Ministry yesterday that the Israelis in Nicaragua were all safe.

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COLD TO CONTINUE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The cold wave will continue today with below-zero temperatures, the weatherman said yesterday. The forecast for today is clear and dry with the possibility of frost in most parts of the country except for the coastal strip.

On Saturday night, the lowest temperatures recorded were minus 2 degrees Centigrade on the Golan Heights and in the Hula Valley.

The cold wave has hit the whole East Mediterranean area, as a result of an influx of dry and cold air from Turkey and Russia.

Ahlan Ben-Yaacov, director of the Produce Marketing Board, told The Jerusalem Post that he had not yet received any complaints from farmers concerning the frost. He explained that frost damage will not be visible for another few days, but he foresaw no shortage of vegetables this week because of the cold weather.

Conflicting reports, however, came in from Jordan Valley farmers, who said part of their banana crops were ruined.

David Glick, director of Israel's Insurance Fund Against Natural Risks said all produce that may be damaged by the frost is insured.

No damage has been reported from the country's growers either. It seems that the only "casualties" so far have been some fresh-water fish and a few banana trees (for that story see page 9).

Farmers can call 05-921068 and 063-852938 to receive information on what to do to combat frost and low-freezing weather from the Ministry of Agriculture telephone frost service.

The service said last night that temperatures in the low-lying areas of Kfar Saba were expected to reach minus 5.5 degrees early this morning and in Nafas Alexander, minus four. Temperatures in both areas were already below zero last night.

The service advised farmers to water their plants immediately and to heat low-lying groves.

Cuba to give back \$2m. hijack ransom
ATLANTA (UPI). — Southern Airways said yesterday the Cuban government had promised to return the reported \$2m. in ransom taken here by three men in a hijacked Southern plane last month.

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THE WEATHER

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10,000 brave cold to hear Xmas mass in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM — Thousands of people huddled last night here in near-zero weather as Christmas Eve celebrations reached their climax. Pilgrims continued to flock to Manger Square throughout the evening, leaving flocks of buses and smaller vehicles in parking lots extending from the centre of town to the southern outskirts linking Bethlehem with Jerusalem.

arch, Msgr. Joseph James Beltritti. The church service was transmitted to the outside world by Israel Television via satellite, and to Manger Square through a closed-circuit TV. Entry into Bethlehem was permitted only to those bearing special passes. The town had been closed for regular traffic all day, and security checkpoints were set up on the main entrances to the town.

and escort drew up, two long lines of choir boys and priests were waiting to greet him. Msgr. Beltritti was handed a crimson cap on a silver platter. After donning this and an ermine cape, he set off in procession for the Basilica, flanked by Mayor Elias Freij and the Military Governor of Bethlehem, Sgan-Aluf S. Malka.



Jerusalem girl killed in road accident

A Jerusalem schoolgirl was killed crossing Sderot Herzl on Friday afternoon, on her way home from the Tere Not public school in the Beit Hakerem quarter. The police, who reported the accident yesterday, gave no further details, stating that the investigation was not yet complete.

Social and Personal

M. Eugene Kramon, president of Majer, a New York firm, visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday and was received by the acting president, Prof. Israel Dostrowsky, and Prof. Michael Feldman.

The weekly meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club scheduled for Thursday (December 28) at Z.O.A. House will not take place; instead, there will be a meeting of five Rotary clubs in the area tomorrow (Tuesday) at the new Pan-American Hotel in Bat Yam at 9:00 p.m.

ARRIVALS

Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, president of Tel Aviv University, from New York, where he attended an international conference on relativistic astrophysics (by El Al).

3,000 PILGRIMS IN NAZARETH

Jerusalem Post Reporter NAZARETH — Over 3,000 overseas visitors observed Christmas in this town yesterday, the largest number of holiday pilgrims here since the establishment of the State.

At a reception at the Cultural Centre, attended by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, Mayor Seif e-Din Zouabi called on the leaders of the world to promote peace between Israel and the Arab states.

No need for Gov't intervention

Ben-Aharon balks at Almogi's labour proposal

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon implicitly warned Labour Minister Josef Almogi yesterday not to push for his proposed Labour Relations Institute. Mr. Almogi had proposed setting up a body where Government, Histadrut and employers would get together to discuss improving labour relations.

U.S. kidnapping suspect held for 2 more days

TEL AVIV. — A District Court Judge yesterday remanded Stephen Ross — a U.S. citizen awaiting extradition to the U.S. on kidnapping charges — for an additional two days.

Panthers to run for Knesset

The Black Panthers will run their own list in next year's Knesset election, "to fight for the liquidation of poverty and the social gap by democratic means," Israel Radio reported last night.

Begin designates Landau to Weizman's former job

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Herut chairman Menachem Begin will appoint his closest aide, Haim Landau, M.K., as the next Herut Party Executive Chairman. This post was vacated by Ezer Weizman when he resigned last Thursday at the end of the Herut Convention.

those in Herut and the Liberal Party who had hoped that Mr. Begin would rise above his role as the leader of one faction and seek a conciliation with the Weizman faction.

CABINET CLARIFIES: Allon's peace proposals were 'personal views'

Jerusalem Post Reporter Deputy Premier Yigal Allon's proposals for negotiations on the Middle East crisis — as given to the U.S. press recently — were solely expressions of his personal views, the Cabinet clarified yesterday.

opinion, he said — the proposal that both sets of negotiations could run simultaneously under U.S. auspices in the same proximity talks.

Warning on excessive control over research

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter Dr. Avram Weinberg, head of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the U.S., warned yesterday against an excessively centralized control of applied scientific research in Israel.

simultaneously last week at three kibbutzim, Ayelet HaShahar (on bio-membranes), Not Gnessar (digital systems) and Elin Bolek (plant adaptation). This week another will be held in Arad, on Condensed Matter in Astro-Physics.

Commitment by Labour to Mapam

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party last night committed itself to maintaining Mapam's share of the Alignment Knesset list. It also undertook to consult with Mapam on major issues, apparently including the choice of premier.

He then added — as his personal commitment by Labour to Mapam — that the Labour Party last night committed itself to maintaining Mapam's share of the Alignment Knesset list.

Prof. JOSHUA HESCHEL

A master of the word and of the deed. A teacher of Torah and a lover of mankind. May his memory be a blessing. יהוה זכרו ברוך

Celebrations in Peking

By JAMES PRINGLE PEKING (Reuter). — Foreign residents in Peking joined Chinese Christians last night and early today in the first Christmas services here for six years.

Wilson stresses peaceful gathering in Bethlehem

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter BETHLEHEM. — British Labour Party leader Harold Wilson said here yesterday that many in the world may find it difficult to think of Christians, Jews and Moslems gathered together in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

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Meir: Radio reporter slipped up

Premier Golda Meir yesterday wound up the affair of the wayward radio "warning" to Jordan when she told the Cabinet her probe showed it was the fault of the political reporter who filed the item "He slipped up," she said.

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THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA JERUSALEM Subscription Concert No. 4, Series No. 1 will take place Wednesday, December 27, at 8.30 p.m. at Binyanei Ha'ooma.

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KLARA BALABAN

No eggs to be had? Use 56 Jews on powder, public is advised hunger strike in U.S.S.R.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Egg powder — a commodity that Israelis hoped they had seen the last of after the early part of the year — is back on the market. A reason for its reappearance is current egg shortage, felt mainly in several areas in the North and Jerusalem.

Tnuva spokesman, Mordechai Steter, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the supply of eggs is now up 20 per cent under normal. Shortage has not yet been felt in central and southern parts of the country because a large number of egg wholesalers (Tnuva counts about 55 per cent of the market) are located in these areas.

Steter said the shortage is seasonal and that there should

be enough eggs for everyone in another 10 to 14 days. (A chicken farmer in the Jerusalem area told *The Post* he believed the current cold spell, combined with the seasonal moulting period of hens, was responsible for the shortage. A planning error in calculating this year's quotas for farmers was not ruled out.)

Meanwhile, Tnuva salesmen have been trying to persuade large institutions — such as kibbutzim, wedding caterers and bakeries — to substitute egg powder for eggs.

Egg powder is manufactured at a factory in Kiryat Gat, normally for export only. The price is 11.11 per kilo. One kilo of egg powder is equivalent in food value to 80 eggs, experts say.

56 Jews on hunger strike in U.S.S.R.

Jewish sources here said 56 Soviet Jews — 31 in Moscow and 25 in Leningrad — were staging a three-day hunger strike in their homes to commemorate the December 1970 Leningrad hijacking trial.

In that trial a group of Soviet Jews were given heavy sentences for planning to steal a civil aircraft to freedom, and two were condemned to death. (The death sentences were commuted after a wave of protests in the West, but all are still in Soviet labour camps, along with other Jewish activists jailed for wanting to go to Israel.)

The strike — which began on Saturday and will end today, Christmas Day — is also designed to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews barred from leaving for Israel. In Tel Aviv the day was marked by a demonstration in front of the UN building — which houses the Red Cross by former Soviet Jews, many of whom had received labour camp sentences in Russia for wanting to emigrate.

Meanwhile, Moscow Jewish sources put the number of Jews held in detention since last week at 49 — 25 in Moscow and 24 in such other cities as Kiev, Leningrad, Riga and Novosibirsk. Soviet police have been rounding up Jewish activists to prevent demonstrations during the winter session of the Supreme Soviet and the subsequent 50th Anniversary celebrations of the formation of the U.S.S.R. The activists have been given 10 to 15 days' detention.

(Times, Easter)



U.S. astronaut James Irwin, who travelled to the moon in Apollo-15, tries out a somewhat more primitive mode of transport on a visit to Mt. Zion yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Fulbright seen softening stand on Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. William Fulbright has moderated his hard line on Israel to the extent that he would now allow Israel to keep Latrun and a small slice of the Golan Heights.

But the Senator, who has just completed a new book on U.S. foreign policy, repeats his support for an imposed Middle East settlement.

The chapter on the Middle East in Senator Fulbright's new book, "The Crippled Giant," generally repeats the denunciations of Israel's "lack of flexibility" which he made in his speech of August 23, 1970. But where the Senator then demanded that Israel withdraw from all the territories she won in the Six Day War, he now seems to have softened a bit on Latrun and the Golan.

As it would be unreasonable to expect Israel to vacate all of the Golan, Fulbright now says, he proposes what he terms a "defensible boundary" there. This would leave Israel a strip of land close to the Jordan Valley and give the rest — the bulk — of the Heights back to Syria.

On the West Bank, Fulbright would let Israel keep only the Latrun salient.

The Senator repeats his call for an imposed settlement in the absence of progress toward peace. "We should not shrink from applying certain sanctions as a last resort for the removal of a chronic threat to the peace," he writes, adding his old proposal for a U.S.-Israel agreement which would guarantee Israel's independence within the pre-1967 boundaries. This arrangement would be in addition to U.N. Security Council guarantees, Fulbright says.



Abraham Joshua Heschel

A.J. Heschel, U.S. Jewish theologian, dead at 65

NEW YORK. — Abraham Joshua Heschel, Jewish theologian, author and professor, passed away at his home here on Saturday. He was 65.

Born in Warsaw, Rabbi Heschel studied and taught in Germany before coming to the U.S. in 1940. He was professor of Jewish ethics and mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in Manhattan, where he had been teaching for the last 27 years.

The author of more than a score of books, he formulated a Jewish theology directly related to the moral issues of today and was intensely concerned with the problems of the ecumenical effort, with racism, the Vietnam war and the conflicts of the Middle East.

Among all his works are "Man Is Not Alone, A Philosophy of Religion," published in 1951, "God in Search of Man, A Philosophy of Judaism," 1955.

(INA, AFP)

Pupil-teacher fight ends in law suit — pupil loses

TEL AVIV. — A teacher whose fight with an unruly pupil led to a broken arm, for which he was acquitted of assault, was ordered to pay damages to the pupil's parents yesterday.

The teacher, Moshe Lazer, had been defending himself at the 12-year-old pupil's trial through a bench at the Tel Aviv court.

The incident happened in June, at Lazer's teaching art at Yeha Eliazar school in Jaffa. He told the boy to leave after disturbing the lesson, but instead of leaving the boy took his shoe and threw it at the teacher. When the pupil tried to pick it up, Lazer hit him away. The boy then broke his arm.

The court yesterday Judge Meir Eliazar accepted Lazer's contention that it had not been a push, and that the boy had lost his balance and fallen. The judge described Lazer's act as reasonable self-defence. He also ordered Lazer to pay the pupil's parents \$1,000 for the broken arm, which was a "serious accident over which teacher had no control."

H.U. profs on partial strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Professors and senior lecturers at the Hebrew University started a partial strike against the University administration yesterday, to press their demand for "research increments" amounting to 25 per cent of regular salaries. The professors are giving their lectures, but refuse to attend meetings or do student counselling, it was learned yesterday.

The professors base their claim on the 25-per cent "research increment" they claim is automatically paid to all Technion professors regardless of whether they engage in research. But administration officials claim the Technion only pays the increase to those who actually work in the Technion's research and development institute.

Efforts to equalize the salaries and working conditions of university staffs have been going on for some time. Only last week an agreement between representatives of the professors and the Hebrew University was finalized this week, it was learned.

2-hour strike at Nahal Sorek nuclear centre

BEERSHEBA. — The non-scientific staff of the Nuclear Research Centre in Dimona held a two-hour warning strike yesterday to voice their protest against the management's alleged refusal to let their representatives have a say in decisions on wages and grades.

The workers decided to request a meeting with Prime Minister Golda Meir to discuss the "deteriorating" labour relations at the Centre. They claim the management has ignored a Histadrut recommendation that a parity committee of workers and management be set up to determine job gradings.

The works committee served notice 15 days ago of a labour dispute, but the Histadrut Trade Union Department reportedly opposes any work stoppage.

(Times)

Work dispute at Wizo creche

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Histadrut Clerical Workers Union in the Capital has declared a work dispute at the Wizo day-care centre at Ma'oz Zion, near Jerusalem.

The move was taken after a permanent worker at the centre was "arbitrarily discharged without prior consultation with the Histadrut or the local workers committee," in the words of the Jerusalem Labour Council. Notice of the work dispute has been filed with the regional labour relations officer of the Ministry of Labour.

Ministers want continued control of publicity funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Individual Government ministries will continue to handle their own information and publicity budgets instead of having them coordinated by a supreme Ministerial committee. This was the consensus yesterday in the Cabinet when it discussed streamlining information services.

The discussion was based on a proposal drafted by Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon and the Finance Minister several months ago. They did not seek a vote on it yesterday, with the tacit understanding of Premier Golda Meir.

It was decided that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir would draft a new proposal regarding the measure of streamlining and coordination which most Ministers felt was workable. He will circulate this draft among the Ministers prior to the next Cabinet discussion.

A vote for Gahal's future Liberals shelve support for electoral reform

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Liberal Party Central Committee yesterday bowed to the veto of Herut leader Menahem Begin and shelved their support for electoral reform.

The Liberals' concern at Gahal's prospects in the face of the deepening rift in Herut was aired informally, but was not spelled out in the Committee's deliberations.

The Liberal's reasons for abandoning their decade-old commitment to reforming the Knesset electoral system were stated by party chairman Elimelech Riknik and Executive Chairman Simcha Erlich. Dr. Riknik explained that the Liberals wished to remove obstacles to improving relations with their Herut partners in Gahal. Mr. Erlich said the Liberal Party Convention had adopted two resolutions — keeping Gahal intact and pressing for electoral reform. They had proven contradictory, and the Liberals had opted for Gahal.

Mr. Erlich charged that the tabling of the electoral reform bill by the Labour Party at present was only aimed at shattering Gahal unity.

Here Mr. Erlich complained about what he called "the political intervention" of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yehayahu on behalf of the Labour Party. He charged that the Knesset Speaker had broken with the political tradition fashioned by his predecessors by asking the chairman of

the Knesset Constitution and Law Committee to expedite its handling of the electoral reform bill. This was unacceptable, Mr. Erlich protested.

Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dubzina denied that the party was submitting to any Herut dictation in shelving the electoral reform scheme.

Cabinet won't lower minimum employment age

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Cabinet yesterday turned down a proposal to lower the minimum employment age in certain cases from 18 to 15 years. The Cabinet was discussing the text of a draft amendment to the Juvenile Employment Law, presented for consideration by Labour Minister Yosef Alkoni.

Mr. Alkoni said the manpower shortage in certain branches of the economy, particularly the hotel trade, would justify a change in the law, enabling 15-year-olds to work in hotels provided that special training facilities were also arranged to teach them the skills on the job.

Most ministers, however, felt that a lowering of the working-age "law" would go counter to the general trend to raise the "ceiling" for compulsory education as high as possible. (At present the ceiling is 15 years, but the Education Ministry would like to raise it to 16.)

(Also in the Cabinet yesterday, Mr. Alkoni said plans to take high schoolers to help in the citrus harvest — as the Cabinet had decided in October — had not yet been put into effect. The Labour Minister said there were difficulties with exam schedules, curricula and Gedca (Youth Corps) training schedules. The Cabinet decided that the ad hoc inter-ministerial committee set up to channel manpower to the citrus harvest would have to find a solution to the problems.

'Do-it-yourself' wrecking operation starts at Rafah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Refugees whose homes are earmarked for demolition at the Rafah refugee camp yesterday started wrecking the houses themselves — even before the bulldozers were due to arrive. They were collecting bricks and other materials to be used in building additional rooms onto their new homes, in a newly constructed suburb nearby.

The move is part of a massive "do-it-yourself" operation of all the refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, which will reduce the camp population by about one-half. Those families whose homes are to be torn down to make room for wide roadways are being given alternative (government) housing near the camps under easy terms.

The Rafah camp — the largest in the Gaza Strip — currently has a population of some 40,000 — about 20 per cent of the total refugee population in the Gaza Strip. (The total population of the Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai, including refugees but excluding Beduin, was 357,500 at the end of 1968. By last July the population had grown to 388,600.)

According to Tnuva figures, some 40,000 refugees left the area for neighbouring Arab countries between the Six Day War and July 1968.

The thinning-out operation started at the end of August 1971. At that time a total of 1,807 houses were

Teacher fined, for failing to report Fatah

Jerusalem Post Reporter
NAZARETH. — A former school-teacher was given a one-year suspended sentence here on Friday, and fined 111,000 for failing to tell the authorities about a Fatah cell which he had refused to join.

Mohamed Ahmed Zeidan, 27, had learned in the middle of 1970 that a local lawyer, Abdul Malik Dahmasha, and another man were recruiting Israeli Arabs into a Fatah sabotage cell. Asked to join himself, he refused but did not report the group to the authorities.

(Damasha was later sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by a military tribunal in Lydda.)

Magistrate's Court Judge Elias T. Kelly said the fact that the teacher had been dismissed from his job was perhaps a more severe punishment than the fine and suspended sentence.

(Times)

Woman, 110, dies in blaze

ROSH PINA. — A woman said to have been 110 years old was burned to death Saturday night when her hut, in Kfar Tuba, near here, was consumed in a blaze.

It is believed that the woman's mattress caught fire from a coal stove she had placed next to her bed before going to sleep. Her name was not given.

She is survived by scores of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

(Times)

SOVEREIGN BUDGETS

Most Ministers felt economies should be worked out between the Treasury and the Ministry involved, during the pre-Budget period. Once the Budget was fixed, the Ministry should be sovereign on how it spent its money.

A number of ministers said certain information activities would lend themselves to coordination between different departments — but this on a working basis, and not by means of a supra-ministerial body.

The discussion was low-key, it was learnt, without the personal or political overtones that marked the Cabinet's first discussion of the topic. At that time, the proposal for supra-ministerial coordination was seen as a bid by the ex-Abdud Avoda Ministers to dominate another information medium. Some reports said that Defence Minister Moshe Dayan objected strongly to the Cabinet to the Defence Ministry relinquishing any of its authority over publications.

Materials shortage blamed for high housing costs

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Even worse than the scarcity of skilled building workers is the shortage of building materials, a leading union official said here yesterday. The rising cost of housing is a direct result of the delays in building schedules, caused in turn by the shortage of materials, the official said.

Mordechai Amster, secretary of the Building Workers' Union, was speaking at a special session of the Union's national convention, marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of the first professional union of builders in Palestine.

"We build too many ineffectual structures," Mr. Amster said, "which leaves too little for essential building."

Mr. Amster said that in January 1972, 68,000 dwelling units were under construction. In July, the number rose to 72,500. "If we could build a flat in one year instead of 18 months, the pressure of demand would almost disappear," he said.

Only a small number of skilled building workers earn wages in excess of the accepted wage schedule, Mr. Amster said. Wages rose by 28 per cent from December 1970 to August 1972; they will rise by another five per cent in April 1973, plus another five per cent in social benefits, he said.

Haim Flecker, honorary president

British suspect cleared in French forgery case

LOD AIRPORT. — Jamie Bloom, a 22-year-old Englishman who was detained here last week in connection with the discovery of forged French drivers' and car licences on the m.v. Dan in Marseilles earlier this month, left for home on Friday after being cleared of all suspicion.

"Tim" learns that Bloom was released after undergoing a lie detector test.

"I must have aroused the police's suspicion because I forgot to notify the ship I wasn't returning on board," he told reporters before leaving for London.

He explained to the police that he and a girl companion had left the ship in Naples and did not return because he became ill and decided to continue his trip to Israel by plane.

(Times)

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Cairo editor says Heykal advocates surrender policy

CAIRO (UPI). — The editor of "Al-Ahram" newspaper yesterday accused his "Al-Ahram" counterpart, Mohammed Hassanein Heykal, of sabotaging national morale and advocating surrender to Israel.

Referring to Heykal's latest series of articles on the Middle East crisis, editor Mousa Sabry said: "The pen that writes them represents a trend to accept surrender. It is an attempt in open daylight to destroy the morale of the fighting men on the war front and to smash the spirit of the tolling masses backing their heroes who are standing on the battlefield."

Sabry did not mention Heykal by name but cited the title of his series and the views he expressed in them. Heykal's series, under the

heading "A drift toward a new era," argued that Egypt cannot fight Israel single-handed, that a pan-Arab effort is necessary and possible, but that it has not materialized in recent months because Egypt failed to propose a detailed strategy.

Sabry said yesterday that since Egypt's "irrevocable decision" has been military confrontation and preparation for war, "any word that does not conform to the supreme interest of the state is more serious than the crime of conspiracy in the material sense."

It was Sabry's second attack on Heykal in three days. In an article on Friday he described Heykal as a prophet of doom and said he was "preaching defeat and spreading despair, restlessness and scepticism."

Sabry's attack has created surprise in diplomatic circles in view of Heykal's long-standing privileged position as a presidential confidant and unofficial spokesman for the government both under the late President Nasser and under President Anwar Sadat.

Sabry said the danger in Heykal's articles "lies in the fact that his pen has built its existence on suggestions to the masses that he is the official mouthpiece of the state and the man who knows the inside stuff and who even participates in policy making for the present and future."

"How can a fighter be convinced of the aim for which he sacrifices his life while he reads material by a responsible pen to the effect that victory is impossible," Sabry said.

He said Heykal was using the present liberalization programme under President Sadat and was exploiting the people and his earlier privileged position "as though he has eternal immunity permitting him to reach the people and sabotage their spirits."



This radiophoto issued by the North Vietnamese news agency on Sunday has caption saying that Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, North Vietnam Vice-Premier and Defence Minister (who was claimed to have been killed in a bomb blast in Haiphong on Friday) is seen visiting on Friday the 77th Missile Unit defending Hanoi which was said to have downed three B52s in a single night. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. bombing halt

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ing. Officials said the AC-119 carries a crew of between 10 to 15.

The Command said five crewmen aboard the B-52 were rescued in Laos and the remainder of the crew is missing, but would not give the specific number, which would be one or two armen. B-52s are known to carry a crew of six to seven men.

North Vietnam denied on Saturday that its Defence Minister, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, had been killed in Haiphong on Friday and said the report "is a product of the psychological war" of the U.S. and South Vietnam.

The U.S. Command and the South Vietnamese Command in Saigon had no comment on the report.

South Vietnamese intelligence sources had said they intercepted a North Vietnamese radio message reporting the death of Giap. They said he was killed on Friday in an explosion during an inspection of U.S. bomb damage in Hanoi.

The residents of Saigon had their brightest Christmas in years. Midnight Mass in the Kingdom-of-the-Saints Cathedral was set for 9 p.m. because of the 11 p.m. curfew and fireworks were banned. But shops and blackmarket stands were crammed with a greater assortment of toys and gifts than in several years.

Christmas trees were being sold fast and residents said more stores than ever before were decorated for Christmas in the Saigon area.

There was good news for some of South Vietnam's convicts. President Nguyen Van Thieu yesterday

ordered the release of 83 criminals serving prison terms and commuted the sentences of 137 others. No political prisoners were freed.

Meanwhile, Communist forces massed near the central highlands city of Kontum fought several battles with South Vietnamese troops and pounded a nearby base with artillery yesterday, military spokesmen said.

In ground fighting near Kontum, military spokesmen said the situation at Firebase November, 6 km. from the city, was "very confused."

The base suffered a heavy artillery attack and temporarily lost communications on Saturday evening. Radio contact was re-established with the aid of a tank-borne American adviser.

Communists, meeting in the area for the first time since the siege of Kontum was lifted six months ago, fought three battles with South Vietnamese defenders earlier in the day.

South Vietnamese spokesmen said 42 Communists were killed at a loss of three government soldiers killed and 18 wounded. (UPI, AP)

New Syrian Cabinet

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Arab Ba'ath Socialists dominated the new Syrian cabinet announced by Vice-President Mahmoud al-Ayoubi early yesterday.

The Ba'athists took 16 posts in the 80-man Cabinet under Mr. Ayoubi and retained the three key portfolios at the Foreign, Interior and Defence Ministries.

The new Cabinet succeeds that of the ailing outgoing Premier, Major-General Abdel-Rahman Khleifawi, who resigned on Thursday.

General Khleifawi underwent an operation in London five months ago, but his health is reported to have deteriorated recently.

There was no change in the political composition of the new government. In addition to the 16 Ba'athists there are two Communists, six Socialist Unionist and

pro-Egyptian Arab Socialist union members and one Socialist Arab. The remaining five are Progressive Independents.

A presidential decree forming 38-year-old Mr. Ayoubi's Cabinet was issued before dawn.

Nine new members joined the Cabinet. Among them are Mr. Hafez al-Jamal, who was previously ambassador to Italy, Dr. Malcolm al-Khayat, dean of the school of medicine at the Damascus university, Dr. Ali Hashem, a university professor, and Mr. Abdullah al-Khand, who served as deputy Foreign Minister in the outgoing government.

They replace eight members dropped from the government, while the ninth, Health Minister Dr. Mahmoud Sa'adah, died in a road accident in Malaysia in November.

Lebanon, E. Germany exchange ambassadors

BEIRUT (Reuters). — Lebanon and East Germany have decided to establish diplomatic relations on an ambassadorial level with immediate effect, according to a joint communique published here and in East Berlin yesterday.

The communique said: "In order to organize and strengthen the current relations between their two countries, the governments of Lebanon and the Democratic Republic of Germany have decided to establish immediately diplomatic relations and exchange diplomatic representatives at ambassadorial level."



Firemen in Managua, search for survivors yesterday in rubble of buildings destroyed by earthquake. (AP radiophoto)

Managua earthquake

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Nicaraguan army corps of engineers, put the death toll at "10,000 to 12,000."

Alagret said that 100 prisoners in the city jail were killed when the building collapsed on them.

U.S. relief teams rushed emergency equipment and medical supplies into Managua.

Under direction from President Nixon, the U.S. southern command based in the Canal Zone and the U.S. Readiness Command in Tampa, Florida, directed relief flights to the stricken city. Portable hospitals also were under orders to fly to Managua on special relief flights yesterday.

The State Department said planes would be available during the day to transport the estimated 3,000 American citizens who were caught in the capital when the quakes struck.

The American millionaire industrialist, Howard Hughes, was in the city's Intercontinental Hotel when the quakes struck, but was reported to have survived without injury.

Reports from the scene painted a grim picture. One man described the city as looking like "a World War II city at the end of the war." He said it seemed like "the end of the world."

Mexican relief pilots praised the heroism of an unknown young Nicaraguan who, they said, risked his life to get control tower equipment at Managua's Las Mercedes airport back in action.

The control tower was in danger of collapse, but the young man had managed to install himself in the top story and was directing the landing and take-off of mercy aircraft, they said.

Hospitals throughout Central America were standing by to cope with an influx of injured refugees from Managua, until Saturday a pleasant open city on the shores of Lake Managua, surrounded by the cones of extinct volcanoes.

Most of the buildings were modern, built since 1931, when Managua was previously flattened by an earthquake.

Red Cross chief Gomez Andino said the city was now "a picture of total devastation and some 90 per cent of its buildings, both public and private, have been razed."

"Many buildings partly destroyed or badly damaged up to midday yesterday are still collapsing from further, though less serious, tremors, which are terrifying those people left alive."

Jordan plans to pardon 150 prisoners

AMMAN (Reuters). — The Jordanian authorities plan to pardon nearly 150 prisoners, and commute death sentences on several other next month, well-informed sources said here yesterday.

Press reports described as completely false reports that it was planned to execute several people sentenced to death for various crimes.

They added that death sentences in Jordan had so far been carried out only against four people, who had pleaded guilty to premeditated murder.

Egypt air chief in Kuwait for military talks

KUWAIT (Reuters). — Egypt's air force chief, General Husni Mubarak, had talks here yesterday with Kuwait's defence minister, Sheikh Abdullah, and the armed forces chief, General Sheikh Mubarak al-Abdullah.

Official sources said they discussed military cooperation between the two countries.

The Egyptian general arrived here on Saturday unannounced, with four other top air force officers, and will stay in Kuwait for three days.

Observers say his visit as a follow-up to this month's conference of Arab chiefs of staff in Cairo and the visit to Kuwait — and other Gulf centres — by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Dr. Aziz Sidky.

The Saudi Arabian defence minister, Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, flew home on Saturday after a week in Kuwait discussing "the Arab world's confrontation with Israel."

CHARLES ATLAS DIES AT 80

LONG BEACH, New York (AP). — Charles Atlas, the 88-lb. weakling who built himself into a famous muscleman and told how to do it to millions of others, died on Saturday after a long illness. He was 80.

Beginning in 1922, Atlas offered his secrets in a body-building correspondence course. Advertisements became staples in comic books and popular magazines. Born Angelo Siciliano in Atri, Italy, Atlas was the son of a farmer. The family came to New York in 1904.

In a 1970 interview, Atlas ex-

plained his claim to be able to turn a weakling into a strongman was based on a real incident that cost him his girlfriend on a beach. He was 15 at the time.

Determined to prevent any future beach humiliations, the young Atlas went to a man who operated a community centre in Brooklyn and was encouraged to start body-building exercises.

Atlas, who adopted the name after he was told he resembled a statue of the Greek world-warrior, developed his own system of "dynamic tension," which formed the basis of his correspondence course. Selection as the "world's most perfectly developed man" in 1922 and 1923 helped Atlas come to public attention, and there were such stunts as pulling a string of six cars a mile.

Atlas said more than seven million customers had bought his course as of 1970 — when it was still selling for the original \$30. He had grossed \$210m, he said, adding "I have made a comfortable living, but I am not a millionaire."

At 77, Atlas told the interviewer he was still doing 50 kneebends, 100 situps and 200 to 300 pushups a day. He had a 17-inch neck, a 47-inch chest, a 34-inch waist and 15 1/2-inch biceps.

HUSSEIN WEDS THIRD TIME

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter King Hussein of Jordan yesterday married Alla Toukan, daughter of a Jordanian Palestinian diplomat who is a member of the prominent Toukan family, most of whom live in Nabulus on the West Bank. In an official statement broadcast by Amman radio last night, the new bride was proclaimed Queen Alla al-Husseini.

The announcement said that Hussein had "earlier" divorced his British-born wife Muna, nee Antoinette (Toal) Avril Gardiner, whom he married in May, 1961, after a romance which rocked Jordan's political establishment.

Despite the fact that Hussein's marriage to Miss Toukan, who becomes 24 today, had been rumoured for some time, last night's announcement came as a surprise. Only last week, Hussein himself denied the rumours, saying he had no intention of marrying again.

The announcement said that Hussein's wedding to Miss Toukan — often called "Jordan's beauty" — took place at 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon in Amman in a simple ceremony attended by Hussein's brothers, the Princes Hassan and Mohammed, Prime Minister Ahmed Laysan and a handful of political and military associates. Hussein's mother, Zein, who had held the official title of Queen, was conspicuously absent.

After the half-hour ceremony performed before Sheikh Saleh Muhtaseb, religious judge of Amman, — the couple cut a wedding cake and then left on their honeymoon with Hussein at the wheel of a Mercedes.

Their destination was not disclosed, but it probably was the port of Aqaba, as both are avid water skiers. It was after a water skiing show early last month that rumours of the royal romance began.

Yesterday's wedding was the third for the 37-year-old King. In April, 1955, he married a distant relative, Dina Abdul-Hamid, an Egyptian national, who was two years older than he. Three years later, the marriage broke up after the birth of a daughter, Alla, amid reports that

the university-educated Dina disturbed her husband by her interference in state politics.

In May, 1961, the King married Miss Gardiner, whom he met in Amman while her father, a British army colonel, served in the Jordanian army as an adviser. Although she became a Moslem, Hussein's second marriage split Jordan at the time and was widely criticized in several Arab states. In an emotional speech over Amman Radio, Hussein explained that the wife he had chosen was the girl of his dreams who had cured his loneliness. Muna bore Hussein two sons, Abdullah, now 14, and Faisal, 8, and twin daughters, Aysheh and Zein, aged three. Some years ago King Hussein abdicated the right of succession on behalf of his sons.

Muna, who was first referred to as her "Gracious Ladyship" and later given the title of Princess, was seen on Friday night on Amman TV heading a public festival in her official capacity. Reports from Amman yesterday said that following her divorce she will receive a pension from Hussein but there was no mention of the future of the four children. No source could reach Muna for comment last night.

Jordan's new Queen is described as slim, of medium-height, with long blonde hair and green eyes. Her photo was flashed on Amman TV last night. She was born on December 23, 1948, in Cairo, and is said to hold degrees in economics and social psychology from Hunter University in New York.

Hussein's latest marriage is likely to lead to repercussions in all the various political circles. Some Jordanians may welcome Hussein's divorce from his British-born wife, but others may oppose his marriage to a Palestinian girl who, if she bore a son, would strip Hussein's brother Hassan of his place as Crown Prince.

However, an East Jerusalem notable said last night that the marriage would strengthen Jordanian-Palestinian links, which both Hussein and his brothers wish to promote.

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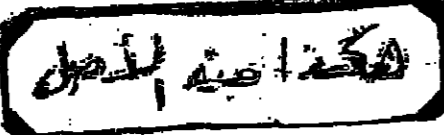
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Pope makes appeal for peace in Vietnam on Christmas Eve

LITCAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI told a Christmas Eve audience yesterday he approached the holiday with a saddened heart because no peace agreement in Vietnam was the fifth time in a week the pope appealed for peace and the 17th time he specifically mentioned the delayed peace agreement in Vietnam and increased hostility.

Christmas Eve, but with a heavy heart. The lack of peace in far off Vietnam, North and South, has become a passion of the entire world," the Pope said in a speech from St. Peter's Square. "We must at Christmas that the expectations of us all not become delusions. We refuse to surrender to naive ideas when we still affirm that peace is possible," the Pope said.

He always possible for good will who know how to overcome ideological objections. Once again we put our hope in the wisdom of men and in the

help of God," the Pope said.

The Pontiff cautioned against "the vain faith in the force of arms, external interferences and the egoist calculations of political and economic interests" which were harming peace efforts.

In his speech the Pope also expressed sorrow for the killing earthquake in Nicaragua and said, "As we can, we collaborate in aid operations."

"This will not be a sad Christmas," the Pope said. "It will be a Christmas of more intense participation in human affairs."

The Pope has referred to the Vietnam war and the failure of the latest peace efforts in each of his past three weekly noon blessing speeches in St. Peter's Square. He also touched on the subject at his weekly general audience. On Friday the Pope criticized the interruption of heavy bombing of North Vietnam, saying the motives were not "sufficiently apparent," in his

annual speech to the College of Cardinals.

Breaking with tradition for the third time during his nine-year Pontificate, the Pope last night left the Vatican to celebrate Midnight Mass among Italy's working classes.

This time he went some 50 kms. north to Rome to be with about 1,000 construction workers digging a tunnel for a high-speed railway which will eventually link Rome with Milan.

His televised Midnight Mass at Sant'Oreste was relayed directly via satellite to most of North and South America as well as to many other nations.

Taiwan call for ties with Israel

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

TAIPEI — A leading Taiwan legislator said here yesterday there is no reason why Israel and Taiwan should not establish some level of formal relations.

Mr. Jen-chiao Hsieh, chairman of the industrial parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee, Foreign Relations Committee of South Vietnam and said Taiwan's status as an independent nation is at least as consolidated as Saigon's. He noted that all the points made by Foreign Minister Abba Eban in the Knesset explaining Israel's recognition of Saigon applied no less to Taipei.

Mr. Hsieh, who stressed he was speaking in a private capacity, recalled in an interview that his Government while a member of the U.N. had a steady record of support for Israel's right to independence and security. This sympathy extended to the popular level, he added, with Taiwan's press and other media consistently expressing sympathy and admiration for Israel's struggle.

"We would not succumb to Arab threats," he said. Mr. Hsieh said "formal relations" between Israel and Taiwan need not necessarily imply diplomatic relations but could develop from

"people to people" contacts at various levels. The U.S., the legislator pointed out, is continuing to maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan regardless of President Richard Nixon's visit to Peking. Washington was also pledged to continue its programme of assistance to Taiwan and to honour its defence commitments.

Informed sources in Hongkong estimate that America now maintains approximately 10,000 military personnel in Taiwan whose functions include manning and operating two air bases on the island.

The legislator predicted that Japan, despite recognition of Peking, also will maintain formal relations with Taipei. "We still have joint Government-appointed organizations in Taipei and Kaohsiung dealing with economic, cultural and consular affairs," he emphasized. Kaohsiung, in the south of the island, is Taiwan's second largest city.

Mr. Hsieh said that the U.S. bid to have both China represented at the U.N. failed by a narrow 59-54 margin. Despite the outcome of the vote, he added, Taiwan still has diplomatic relations with more than 40 nations.

American woman married to Russian Asks Congress on Soviet ransom tax

MOSCOW (UPI). — An American woman married to a Soviet Jewish citizen said yesterday she has appealed to American Congressmen to help her husband leave the Soviet Union without paying a required \$9,000 emigration tax.

Mrs. Laurette Hansen Malchik, 29, a Fort Benton, Montana, native and recently resident in Seattle, said in a telephone interview from Leningrad that the appeal was relayed to the legislators by the U.S. consulate here, her husband's home.

It was sent to Senators Edward Kennedy, Henry Jackson, George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey and Congressman Donald Fraser of Minnesota, all Democrats.

Mrs. Malchik said her husband, Alexander, a 27-year-old engineer, had been told he must pay 8,000 rubles (\$9,600) emigration tax and was scheduled to leave today when their one-year visitor's visa expired. The two met in 1967 when she was an exchange student at Leningrad in 1971 and have a daughter, 22 months, born in the U.S.

Mrs. Malchik said she and her daughter have been living in Leningrad since December 18, 1971, and were scheduled to leave today when their one-year visitor's visa expired. But it has been extended until January 3 because the child has contracted a bronchial ailment and cannot travel.

"Soviet authorities misled us by telling us to apply for financial relief from the tax and telling my husband he would get a visa by December 18," she said. "Now they tell us there will be no relief."

"We have absolutely no way of affording the funds. There is no way I can work and care for the child," Mrs. Malchik said she must return to Seattle by January if she wants to finish her dissertation at the University of Washington, where she was a graduate student and teacher prior to coming here.

She said she would not be able to unless her husband could leave with her.

"The Soviets have refused to take any look at the financial reality of the situation," she said. "I'm not anti-Soviet in my views, but am

U.S. diplomat in Cairo to U.S.

CAIRO (Reuters). — Joseph Greene, top U.S. diplomat in Cairo, leaves for the U.S. today and is expected to have talks with officials at the State Department.

A U.S. official here said the trip was a private one during which Mr. Greene is due to visit relatives in Florida, but he was also expected to visit the State Department before returning to Cairo.

The official declined to comment on reports from Washington that Mr. Greene will discuss relations between Egypt and the U.S. as well as the Middle East situation.

Bullet-proof vest in Belfast

FAST. — Santa Claus dropped a children's Christmas party yesterday — but there was a hard-proof vest under his red tunic.

Royal Avenue in the city centre a balloon popped on a Christmas tree — and civilians ran for cover as two British soldiers swung rifles round anticipating a riot with a sniper.

Police yesterday reported a day since in Northern Ireland for the time in at least a year. Retailers said they had expected crowds of Roman Catholics and Protestants to attend an international peace rally in Belfast.

Police spokesman said a few incidents occurred during the night, but that they were "very minor." Nobody was killed, nobody hurt and no property was damaged.

"This has been the best day we have had for as long as I can remember," he said. A hill settled over the region and 676 persons have died in that three years of sectarian violence after the outlawed Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) announced a truce holiday.

However, as Belfast prepared for fourth Christmas since "the

troubles" broke out in 1969, there was little attempt to create a "season of goodwill" feeling which few people were likely to share. A decoration brightened the capital's main shopping streets. Shopkeepers had hit by the drop in trade which followed the 1972 terrorist bombing campaign, said they had little to spare for festive lights.

But the spirit was not there either. Although the shops reported the busiest Christmas for two years, there was little sign of gaiety among the grim-faced crowds on the seasonal buying spree. In the city centre, hundreds of troops were on duty searching every civilian, and testing every Christmas parcel entering the narrow and much-bombed streets of the main shopping district.

A few soldiers were detached for special Christmas duty, including the officer in flowing red robes and a white beard who arrived at a children's party in a Protestant area by parachute from an army helicopter. "Ho, Ho, Ho," said the military Santa to a local radio reporter waiting on the ground. "I must be the only Father Christmas in a flak jacket." Army helicopters are a common target for I.R.A. terrorists.

West Berliners visit East for Christmas

WEST BERLIN (Reuters). — Thousands of West Berliners loaded with presents yesterday joined friends and relatives in East Berlin and East Germany for their first joint Christmas in seven years.

For Germans, the festival begins on Christmas Eve when trees are lit and presents exchanged as soon as darkness falls.

Police reported there were no delays at the wall and border checkpoints. But a big rush of visitors was not expected before today and Boxing Day, they said.

Under the four-power Berlin agreement, which came into effect in June, West Berliners can make one day visits to the East. More than 1.5 million such visits have been paid since then.

West Berlin authorities expect that hundreds of thousands of West Berliners will flock into the East over the holiday period, including the New Year.

Three get life for raping Indian girl, 16

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee (AP). — Three Chattanooga men were given life prison terms on Saturday after being found guilty of raping a 16-year-old girl from India.

The assault took place in a downtown Chattanooga street alley last May 31 after the girl and her 17-year-old husband, both born in India, had been forced by three men to drive their car off a main thoroughfare, police said.

The three men were joined by two other men in the alley and all five reportedly raped the young girl while her husband watched helplessly.

A Hamilton County criminal court jury returned guilty verdicts against William Bell, 21, Theodore Grant, 23, and Ronald Bennett, also 23. All three defendants denied any part in the rape.

Grant and Bell were identified through fingerprints on the couple's car, although police Bennett was picked from a police line. The other two men reportedly involved have not been found.

Authorities asked that the names of the couple not be released. The husband and wife reportedly experienced marital problems because of the rape. Indian custom dictates that a marriage be dissolved if the female spouse is violated.

Rhodesia forces kill, capture terrorists

SALISBURY (UPI). — Rhodesian security forces yesterday killed and captured several African national guerrillas operating in the border area of Centenary, an official statement said.

"As a result of successful police, army and air force operations this morning, a number of terrorists have been killed or captured," it said. "Our forces suffered no casualties and operations are continuing."

Units of the territorial forces were called up for emergency duty to assist in the conduct of current operations, particularly those relating to the protection of property and lives," a statement said.

Farms in the Centenary district were attacked on Thursday and again on Saturday. A farmer and two of his daughters were injured by rockets and gunfire and an army vehicle sent to investigate Saturday's incident was blown up by a land mine. Four soldiers riding in the vehicle were injured.

39 die in Norway crash

OSLO (UPI). — An investigation commission yesterday began its work on the scene of Norway's worst air disaster since 1961.

The death toll of the Fokker Friendship crash about 20 kms. west of Oslo on Saturday night rose to 39 yesterday, police said. Among the dead were four children.

The twin-engine plane, belonging to the Norwegian company Braathens S.A.F.E., carried 42 passengers and a crew of three.

It was on a domestic flight from Aalesund, on Norway's west coast, to Oslo with Christmas travellers when it plunged into a forest in thick fog minutes before its scheduled landing at Fornebu airport at 4:40 p.m.

All passengers were Norwegians except one, a Dane, who survived the airline said.

Witnesses at the crash scene said the plane was completely smashed to pieces and had clipped a row of trees before hitting the ground.

Numeiri in South Sudan for Xmas

KHARTOUM (AP). — President Numeiri flew to the southern regional capital of Juba yesterday on a south regional government invitation to attend the first Christmas in the south since celebrating the banner of peace for 17 years.

Evening, Numeiri will attend a Christmas mass and prayer ceremony followed by southern churches to mark the end of the civil war which began in the south since August, 1965.

Sydney rules out candles as bushfires burn

SYDNEY (AP). — Traditional candlelight was banned, so an open air Christmas carol service yesterday went ahead in Sydney — in the dark.

The candlelight was ruled out under a complete fire ban imposed by the state government as bushfires raged through national park forests and a heatwave continued into its fifth successive day.

One bushfire stranded 1,000 Christmas vacationers in Burrinjuck in the Snowy Mountains. Firefighters evacuated campers from areas around the town.

In Victoria, fire brigade authorities reported a total of 49 bushfires. "There is no sign of a let up — either in the fires or the weather, which is turning the bush into a tinderbox," said a spokesman.

Chemical bombing, which helped to contain some of the major fires on Saturday, was resumed yesterday as gusty hot winds whipped up sparks and carried them over firebreaks. Aircraft were being used in some areas to drop food supplies to firefighters.

Temperatures in downtown Sydney reached 34° Centigrade during early afternoon. At inland Brewarrina the temperature touched 45° Centigrade.

Anti-glutton war begins in Burma

COON (AP). — The Burmese government yesterday launched an operation against gluttony, black bearing, smuggling and hoarding.

It is the name of a very Buddhist glutton who ate to death and gluttons are referred to as Zuskas.

Involved will now be arrested in a drastic action taken against gluttony. The number of arrests yesterday was not disclosed.

Zuskas will continue to receive non-combatants are equipped out the sources and. The operation was led by rocketing consumer prices which have lately risen to 100 per cent.

Australia forms ties with China, East Germany

Australia on Friday joined the growing list of nations granting diplomatic recognition to Communist East Germany. The announcement in Berlin came the day after an Australian Embassy official in Paris said that Australia and China had agreed to establish diplomatic relations.

The official East German News Agency, ADN, reported that the decision of Australia and East Germany became effective immediately and they would consult further before deciding on the timing of an exchange of diplomatic representatives.

Prime Minister Fraser asked East Germany to open talks with a view to establishing normal diplomatic relations, the Foreign Ministry said.

A spokesman said Foreign Minister Maurice Newman made the offer in a "communication" to his East German counterpart, Otto Winzer.

New Zealand's Labour Government announced in Wellington Friday it has negotiated terms with China for mutual recognition and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Libya lifts flight ban on BOAC, Sabena

LONDON (Reuters). — The British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) said yesterday it has received new notification from Libya removing an overflying ban on aircraft heading for Southern Africa.

Belgium's national airline, Sabena, has also received similar notification from the Libyan government of the lifting of the ban, airport sources said here yesterday.

Libyan aviation authorities notified several European airlines on Friday that their flights to South Africa, Rhodesia and Portugal's African territories could no longer pass through Libyan airspace. The notice threatened reprisals to any airline breaking the ban.

BOAC rerouted its single daily flight to Johannesburg to pass over Egypt, slightly lengthening the travel time, and other airlines took similar measures.

A BOAC spokesman said yesterday that as a result of a new "Notam" — notice to airmen — from Libya, the airline was reverting to its normal routing over Libya with a stop in Nairobi.

Sabena has three return flights a week to Johannesburg and the first, today, will follow the normal route through Libyan airspace, sources said.

South Korean tanker sinks after crash

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — The 63,988-ton South Korean tanker, Sea Star, abandoned and burning after a collision in the Gulf of Oman five days before, sank yesterday after a new explosion.

A Bahrain tug which had tried to take the tanker in tow signalled that the ship finally disappeared at 10:45 local time, nearly nine hours after a massive explosion in her cargo of crude oil sent the stern beneath the waves.

'Time' Men of the Year: Nixon and Kissinger

NEW YORK (AP). "Time" magazine announced on Saturday that U.S. President Nixon and Henry Kissinger, his national security adviser, had been chosen as its "Men of the Year" for 1972.

Describing the pair as an "odd couple, an improbable partnership," the magazine said they were selected for the annual "Man of the Year" because "they have been changing the shape of the world, accomplishing the most profound rearrangement of the earth's political powers since the beginning of the cold war."

The cover of "Time's" January 1 issue shows the faces of Nixon and Kissinger carved in stone with the caption, "Triumph and trial."

"The classical policy that Kissinger and Nixon are practicing derives from perceptions of national interest that have dictated successful foreign policy in Europe for 500 years," the magazine said.

'Time' Men of the Year: Nixon and Kissinger

"For the President, Kissinger has been a combination of professor in residence, secret agent, ultimate advice man and philosopher prince."

"Time" said its choices were an "odd couple" because Nixon is the "champion of middle American virtues, a secretive, aloof yet old-fashioned politician given to oversimplified rhetoric" who has become a "surprisingly flexible, even unpredictable statesman."

"At his side is Kissinger, 49, a Bavarian-born Harvard professor of urban and subtle intelligence, a creature of Cambridge and Georgetown who cherishes a never entirely convincing reputation as an international bon vivant and superstar."

"Time" compared them to "Richard and Louis XIII, Metetrnich and Hapsburg Emperor Francis I, Colonel House and Woodrow Wilson, Harry Hopkins and F.D.R. (Franklin D. Roosevelt)."



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The big thaw

The death of Stalin in 1953, followed by the arrest and execution of his grim security chief, Lavrenti Beria, brought a new era to the Soviet Union — the day of Nikita S. Khrushchev. In this seventh chapter of a series on his four decades as a Moscow correspondent, Henry Shapiro tells that story.



Khrushchev, his wife and children, photographed in 1963. (UPI)

MOSCOW (UPI). — With Josef Stalin dead and the overly ambitious Lavrenti Beria executed, 1954 ushered in for the Soviet Union what was in effect another Russian revolution.

Gradually the concentration camps were opened to disperse hundreds of thousands of political prisoners, some of whom had languished since the early 1930s.

During the later 1950s the lot of the peasantry was substantially improved by the cancellation of old debts, lowering the quotas for compulsory grain deliveries, increasing the fixed prices paid the farmers and pumping more consumer goods into the villages.

Material incentives for workers and farmers were raised.

The dread midnight knock at the door was done away with and arrests for "dangerous crimes against the state" were discontinued.

In foreign affairs an effort was made to normalize relations with the United States and other capitalist powers as well as Yugoslavia and all of Russia's neighbors.

Ilya Ehrenburg's novel "The Thaw" (which became the description of a new era), the first of a series of literary works, for the first time frankly described the evils of the Stalin era.

The literary magazine "Novy Mir" (New World), under the brilliant editorship of liberal poet Alexander Tvardovsky, discovered a constellation of poets and prose writers who brought on a remarkable revival culminating with the publication of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich." The latter was the first realistic description of a Stalin era concentration camp.

Voices of cultural dissent were apparently too loud, however, and grew too fast for First Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev, who, obviously alarmed by the development, began cracking down with speeches against "mavericks" in late 1952 and early 1953.

The return to cultural orthodoxy, which was to be intensified under Khrushchev's successors, was dramatized by the late premier's quip against abstract painters: "A donkey with his tail in a ball of paint could do better than these abstractionists." Khrushchev pronounced, and ended all public display of modern art.

I missed two years of the "Soviet Thaw." I took my wife and daughter to America where I spent two years as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, doing some writing and public lecturing.

When the Kremlin agreed to participate in the first post-war summit conference with President Eisenhower and the British and French Prime Ministers in July, 1955, United Press sent me to Geneva to cover that historic event.

From my transatlantic viewpoint, I had watched what appeared to be the zigzags of Soviet foreign policy reflecting strong disagreements between V.M. Molotov and Khrushchev.

German question
At the Berlin conference of foreign ministers which I had attended in February, 1954, it was clear the German question — "the problem of problems" — could not be immediately solved. The Molotov hardline, which paralleled the Western policy of "containment" and "roll-back" of Communism, made agreement impossible.

Khrushchev at the time was arguing for a more flexible Soviet position only to be told off by Molotov at a Central Committee meeting. "Waging foreign policy is not so simple as riding corn," Nikita Sergeyevich," Molotov told him.

There was more hope at Geneva than at Berlin. First direct contact between the West and post-Stalin leadership had been made and a dialogue was started which not only prevented a new world war but eventually led to East-West detente.

On a more human basis what struck me singularly was the free and easy movements of the Soviet delegation. The head was then Premier Bulganin and other members were Molotov and Marshal Georgi Zhukov.

The Russians walked and drove about Geneva in open cars, shopping and enjoying themselves without the army of bodyguards I had been accustomed to seeing in Moscow for years. By contrast, Eisenhower arrived in a closed car with his usual retinue of secret service men.

When European newsmen began making the inevitable, invidious comparisons between the informality of the Soviet leaders and Eisenhower's remoteness and his bodyguards, the U.S. President also began driving about in an open car.

After the first summit session I ran into Charles E. Bohlen whom I had not seen for two years. "Bulganin may be the leader of the Soviet delegation," the astute U.S. Ambassador to Moscow said, "but there is no mistaking Khrushchev. He is the boss."

I was to get confirmation of this the following year in London and later in Finland and elsewhere when I saw the ebullient Khrushchev upstage Bulganin either by interrupting him or insisting on a speech of his own in which he could say "I do not agree with my friend Bulganin."

Hot and cold
Khrushchev himself blew hot and cold on the subject — one of his many inconsistencies. Sometimes realizing he may have gone too far he would say, "we are Stalinists." This is what he did in 1957 in a speech to students of Moscow University where he joined the visiting Mao Tse-tung in praising Stalin.

Earlier that year he managed to oust Molotov, Kaganovich, Malenkov and others for alleged "anti-party activities." This was when the majority of the Presidium, fed up with Khrushchev's antics and led by Molotov, tried to deprive him of the Party leadership.

It was the first time the Presidium was defied and defeated in an attempt to purge its ranks. Arguing that he had been elected to the job by the Central Committee and not by the Presidium, Khrushchev hastily called a plenary meeting at which the Presidium was overruled. The former peasant and coal-miner again outwitted such battle-scarred and sophisticated statesmen as Molotov (whom John Foster Dulles called the ablest foreign minister of our age) and came out on top — the unchallenged (as yet) ruler.

Marshal Zhukov, at the Central Committee had defended Khrushchev "on behalf of the armed forces," a persuasive position perhaps in winning over the members to support the First Secretary. But although the act elevated Zhukov to

consequences of which are not yet in sight.

The published speeches indicated a universally agreed policy to rectify the notorious injustices of the Stalin era, to rehabilitate the wrongs, introduce legality and eliminate abuses of unlimited power. Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich denounced "the personality cult" of Stalin and the "one-man tyranny" as much as did Khrushchev and Mikoyan.

But there were differences of degree and method. This became clear a few days later when Moscow started buzzing with reports of a secret speech by Khrushchev in which he branded Stalin no less than a common criminal and incompetent war leader and the source of all evil since his assumption of absolute power in 1934.

Excerpts of the speech were read to thousands of gatherings of Party members and university students. Its highlights became known to me at almost the same time. Censorship killed all references to the speech although there was plenty of material in the daily newspapers about crimes connected with the personality cult.

The full text of the secret speech was never published here. It was released by the U.S. State Department on June 4 of that year. Western Communist parties suffered the embarrassment of using the American text.

The speech was a bombshell. While it encouraged many to believe the evils of the past had been uprooted and better days were in sight, a whole generation of citizens reared in the Stalin legend was shocked and traumatized.

A few weeks after Zhukov's ouster Khrushchev gave me his first exclusive interview to a resident correspondent. I had had many talks with Khrushchev. I had developed a good rapport with him and could ply him with questions at diplomatic and Kremlin receptions which in the early years he attended frequently.

Often he would desert a group of ambassadors encircling him and come over to me to exchange quips and answer questions. Perhaps one of the reasons was that I was one of the few Western correspondents who spoke Russian although I did not know as many anecdotes as my interpreter.

Since these conversations were public I shared the information with my colleagues. But I also had several private opportunities to talk with the Premier and his aides here and abroad. However, it took me two full years before I persuaded him to give me an exclusive interview.

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The Presidium, the first time a professional soldier had reached such heights, it actually amounted to his political suicide.

The army had never been permitted to excuse judgments independent of the Party or to speak a separate instrument of government. From Lenin to Leonid I. Brezhnev the Party had been aware of the possible dangers of "a man on horseback" and saw to it that policy was made by it and not the military leaders.

The divergences between Khrushchev and his associates revived talk abroad of an imminent takeover by the army especially after Zhukov, war hero number one, became a member of the Presidium.

\$100 bet
During a short trip to Cambridge in 1956 I got myself involved in a discussion with two eminent Harvard Kremlinologists who offered to bet me \$100 that within a year Zhukov would seize power and establish a military dictatorship. My reply, then: "Khrushchev can get rid of Zhukov in five minutes." Which is exactly what he did less than a year later.

Upon returning from a trip to Yugoslavia and Albania in late 1957 Zhukov was greeted at the airport with a report that he had been discharged as Defense Minister. The act was followed by a violent press campaign against Zhukov accusing him of trying to place the army above the Party. Khrushchev successfully outmaneuvered Stalin who, too, after the war, had downgraded Zhukov and relegated him to a relatively minor provincial command. He was brought back to Moscow only after Stalin's death.

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MAIMONIDES ON EDUCATION



Maimonides, the Rambam, died 768 years ago today, according to the Hebrew calendar. Renowned as Judaism's greatest religious philosopher, and as doctor and scientist, his ideas on education are less known. Here is a selection from the Rambam's educational principles, collected by Dr. William Eifant of Bar-Ilan University.

- The teacher and the improver of man's knowledge has the status of a parent.
- The unique character of the elevation on Mt. Sinai, the pivot of the Jewish religion, should be impressed upon the minds of the children, and should be made to appeal to their imaginations.
- Speech, learning and teaching, are instruments by which to promote peace among human kind.
- The object of the Torah, which speaks in the language of man, is to serve for the instruction of the young, of women, and of the common people.
- There is no proper study or teaching without logic.
- Logic is an instrument to science.
- Logic and natural philosophy are indispensable for a true knowledge of the Torah.
- Habit and training prevent men from finding truth.
- The young learner's educational charter — if the teacher is angry with him and stomps at him — is summed up in what he may tell his teacher, "Master

- It is Torah. I need to learn, and my intellectual capacities are deficient."
- The learner should employ pure reason to weigh opinions and theories critically.
- Education is also interrelated with prophecy, prompting the recipient of its perfections to reach out to teach one's fellow-men.
- The teacher is a facilitator of learning.
- The teaching-learning sequence moves from the general to the more specific and detailed.
- The outcome of a philosophical — educational training and programme is a more refined intellectual and religious worship of God.

Fined for chopping down trees

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT TIVON. — It cost building contractor Yasoov Brunner IL2,800 to have his workers trespass into a private garden to cut down or burn an old oak, three pine and three fruit trees in the summer of 1970. It took the law courts two years to convict the man and fine him.

The owners of the garden, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Arneim, of Rehov Horesh, were shocked to see the destruction when they returned from abroad. Mr. Brunner was building on the adjoining plot and regarded the trees as an obstacle to his freedom of movement, it emerged in court.

Finding him indifferent to his complaint, Mr. Arneim instructed his attorney, Dr. Rudok Gottschalk of Haifa, to sue him.

For three consecutive mornings in late November (when the case was held) Mr. Brunner defended his act with such claims as that the J.V.F. and the complainant himself had permitted him to destroy them. Judge Gideon Shamir, of the Haifa Magistrate's Court, ordered him to pay Mrs. Arneim from abroad. Mr. Brunner was building on the adjoining plot and regarded the trees as an obstacle to his freedom of movement, it emerged in court.

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Libya ban on flights to South Africa 'Babi Yar may be amusement park' — Javits

LONDON (Reuters). — British diplomats yesterday sought clarification from Libya about its new overflying ban on aircraft flying the routes to Southern Africa.

Notice of the ban was served to several European airlines including British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), Alitalia, Lufthansa, Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) and Belgium's National Airline, Sabena.

A BOAC spokesman said the notice was not exactly clear. It said Libyan airspace was barred to aircraft owned or registered in South Africa, Rhodesia or Portugal's African territories and to aircraft flying to or from these areas. The notice threatened reprisals against any airline breaking the ban.

WASHINGTON (INA). — Senator Jacob Javits recently told the Senate that Poland has confiscated the Lwow Jewish cemetery and built a park on its site, and that Babi Yar in Kiev, the mass grave of Jews and Ukrainians murdered by the Nazis, is in danger of being converted into an amusement park if no action is taken.

This was brought to his attention, he said, by the "Geder Avot" section of the World Centre of European Rabbis, which plans to build memorial houses in Israel "for the martyrs, for those who no longer have graveyards, and for the cemeteries which were demolished (in Poland and the Soviet Union, Hungary and Czechoslovakia by the Nazis during World War II)."

Top security at All-Africa games Park re-elected

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP). — The Munich massacre has prompted heavy security, including the use of 90,000 troops and police, to control traffic and maintain order at the January 7-13 second All-Africa games.

Armed troops are currently patrolling the national stadium and guarding exits and entrances to the 320m. sports complex built especially for the games.

"We do not know all our enemies," explained Joseph Adola, the Commissioner of Police of Lagos state, at a recent press conference. "We don't want the sort of things that marred the 1972 Munich games to happen here."

SEOUL (AP). — President Park Chung-Hee, who has been ruling South Korea since 1961, was elected yesterday to a new six-year term as President under a new constitution, which allows him to stay in power indefinitely.

His election by the National Conference for Unification — NCU, a 2,359-man electoral college — came as no surprise because there was no candidate entered besides him.

In addition, the great majority of the delegates, elected in a national election December 15, were avowed supporters of President Park.

The vote was near unanimous, with 2,357 votes for Park and two invalid.

REAL ESTATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14 — More than 11 per cent of the investment in residences in Israel last year was made by foreign Jews, mostly Americans, purchasing second homes.

Good Buys for Early Buyers
The early buyers in 1968 got good buys, according to Murray S. Greenfield, a real-estate agent specializing in serving Americans. Today it's

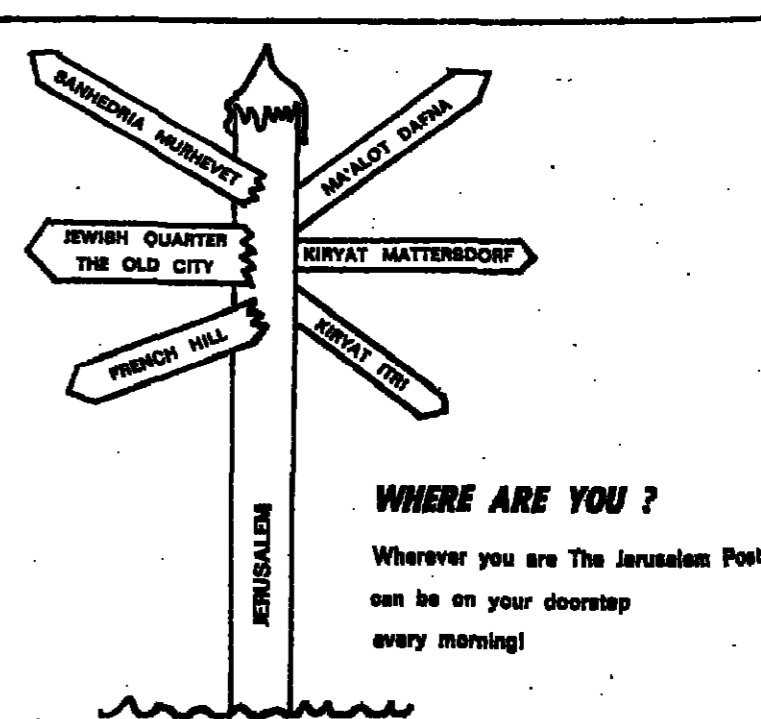
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Elizabeth Taylor this week joined her husband Richard Burton in Rome on the set of "The Sign of the Cross" in which he plays the role of Napoléon Bonaparte, who ordered the shooting of 335 Romans as reprisal for the killing of 32 Germans in Rome in 1944.

European theatre producers won't come to Israel

By SHAYYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
AVIV. — Top-ranking European theatre producers are unlikely to come here in the near future, says Finkel, artistic director of the Hebrew Theatre, who has concluded from an official visit to Austria and Germany that it is an unwelcome and unprofitable venture. People do not want to be involved publicly with us even if they do not fear for their lives, Finkel told *The Jerusalem Post*. Those to whom he suggested directing plays in Israel found one or another excuse. "We shall have to make good by ourselves — and that is not our job," Mr. Finkel said. "That was what the Germans did. Americans have been doing the same for years. They are exploiting their resources to revive the theatre art which once was so great in our countries. Finkel, who studied Reinhardt and played in the German theatre of today is responsible for its technical audacity.

"But the age of great individuals on the stage is gone — the performers are professionally very good, but there are no outstanding figures among them."
Mr. Finkel said he envied German and Austrian theatres their unreserved backing from government and public alike. The budgets are big and largely subscribed by the authorities. The public is obviously an informed one, acquainted with texts and wishing the actors success, Mr. Finkel said with a sigh — obviously covering up a reflection on the much less satisfying attitudes at home.
In a nostalgic impulse, he crossed the checkpoint into East Berlin to see a performance at the Deutsches Theater. He was able to get an invitation to the premiere of Peter Hacks' *Amphytrion* — a modern and much-politicized version of the ancient myth. "The hall was full to capacity but people were stiff and rather silent. And there I sat, a complete stranger, as tense as if I were hiding among a hostile crowd in Amman."

ROME OF FACT AND FANTASY

FELLINI'S ROMA (Studio, Tel Aviv) is aptly named, for it is a very personal portrait of the city, such as only Fellini with his exuberant imagination and his feeling for the fantastic could paint. His Rome is one of sharp contrasts, presented in a series of dazzling images, "strange, contradictory," as he himself says when introducing the film, entrancing the viewer.
Fellini and his cinematographer, Giuseppe Rotunno (probably the best in Europe), make a remarkable team and have created a wonderful film that is exciting, ironical, affectionate, satirical, nostalgic and most of the time visually stunning.
It starts off with Fellini as a boy in Rimini, learning about a soccer. Then he comes to the city as a young man (played by Peter Gonzales from Texas) at the beginning of World War II. Thereafter the form is free, a series of episodes, partly factual, partly fantasy. There is a marvellous recreation of a musical hall of 30-odd years ago with the audience shouting insults at the actors, a horrific visit to a couple of brothers of the same period, one for the poor, the other for the rich, a journey down into the metro-subway that has been building for almost a hundred years, and an extraordinary fantasy called an "Ecclesiastical Fashion Show" which begins with roller-skating priests (a quick way to Fascism) and ends with an ethereal float construction of human skeletons. Later Fellini briefly introduces writer Gore Vidal to talk about Rome's disintegration and Anna Magnani to typify the "aristocrat and tramp" that is Rome.
Some of the episodes such as the musical-hall scene are overlong but that is a small caveat about a film that should not be missed. S.W.

At the Cinema

proceeds to its sacrificial ending and David turns into a hysterical fanatic willing to risk all to defend his home and self-respect, one becomes conscious of the story as a sort of parable and of the presence of unspoken, avenging forces.
Sam Peckinpah (*The Wild Bunch*) has used effective cutting to convey the growing terror and menace, and as a horror film it must rate high. Based on G.M. Williams' novel, "The Siege of Trencher's Farm."
ENTERTAINING HITCHCOCK
NORTH BY NORTHWEST (Zafon) is a reissue of the 1959 Hitchcock success and, although the print is not too clear and the sound not as good as it might be, the picture is still entertaining. In this story of mistaken identity, spies and counter-spies and funny doings at the U.N., Hitchcock puts the accent on humour, but the pursuit of the hero by a crop-dusting aeroplane and the chase over Mount Rushmore are still as exciting as they were a decade ago. And it is quite refreshing to see a thriller that has little brutality and no permissive sex. With Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason as Mr. Vandamm. S.W.

Horror in a real setting

STRAW DOGS (Esther, Tel Aviv), which starts off with the arrival of a stranger in a remote English village peopled by suspicious locals and the usual quota of alcoholics, gradually develops into a real horror film, all the more shocking because of its realistic setting and acting.
Dustin Hoffman is David in a very good performance as an American mathematician who has taken a farmhouse to write a book in hopes for rural quiet and Susan George (also very good) is Amy, his English wife who has lived in the village for 12 years. The intellectual, retiring David arouses ridicule while Amy arouses desire. The ridicule changes to menace. The couple are spied on; their car is found tangled in the wardrobe. When alone in the house one afternoon, Amy is raped by a villager with whom she had once been friendly (Peter Vaughan, a fact which she conceals from her husband). The climax comes when the couple take Henry, a mental defective (David Warner of "Morgan" fame) to their home after knocking him down with their car. Henry had last been seen going off with one of the village girls. A posse of villagers, sodden with drink, besiege the farmhouse and demand that Henry be delivered to them.
"Straw Dogs" were ancient substitute sacrifices and, as the film

UNKNOWN AND REFRESHING

The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, George Singer, conductor; Roman Totenberg, violin. The Jerusalem Philharmonic, conductor: The Symphonie Marine; K. Szymanowski: Violin Concerto No. 1, opus 35; Schubert: Symphony No. 9, in C Major. THE enterprising programmers presented two works never performed in Israel. If the experience was not extraordinarily exciting, at least it was most refreshing to listen to something unknown.
Jacques Ibert (1890-1962) wrote "Symphonie Marine" in 1931, although it was never performed in his lifetime and is not even listed in "Groves" of 1963. The music offers some water effects, a lot of repetitive background motives, some chord progressions reminiscent of Dukas' "Sorcerer's Apprentice" and a few themes thrown about but never symphonically elaborated. The resulting transparency of the score can be declared as creditable.
Karol Szymanowski (1882-1937) wrote his concerto during the war years of 1915-1917 but it somehow never made the top grade for performance. Roman Totenberg's personal collaboration with the composer which induced him to present the work, and it is good that he did not choose one of the four or five standard violin concertos in the repertoire. Two years ago, he played the Penderecki *Gopriccio* (with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony here, more as a compliment to the young players than as a personal presentation) so this is really his visit on his own). The concerto, in

Yohanan Boehm
Music Reviews

one movement, is more a symphonic work with a solo violin than a concerto, as the orchestra is given more than an accompanying part, and the soloist, more often than not, weaves in and out of the complex instrumental sound.
Mr. Totenberg, in possession of a beautiful Stradivarius, played his part with masterful sovereignty. Without ever trying to show off, he served the music with distinguished discretion, his elegant and superb technical resources making the most difficult passages look — and sound — easy. The presentation turned into a personal triumph for the soloist, and prolonged applause was acknowledged with an encore, Paganini's Etude No. 24, which further established Mr. Totenberg's brilliance and musicianship.
George Singer spiritedly kept the orchestra on its feet all evening and watched over precision and sound balance in the two works. His reading of Schubert's C major Symphony preserved all its tunefulness, its subdued joie de vivre, but also its "heavenly length."

Medieval music

"Studio Laren" presents music and entertainment from the Middle Ages and made from the lives of the 13th century. The Knights' Halls in Old Acre — December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. Musician: Mikaela, Peter van Burgin, Diederik Erekelaar, Peter van Burgin, Donald de Marsen, Jaap Visser; Pianist: Bob van Esja.
STUDIO Laren uses period instruments of very limited sound capacity and, besides, no microphone. This restricts the choice of halls, and the group will perform during its visit to Israel in five kibbutz cultural centres and at three university auditoriums.
The meeting at the Hospitalier Knights' Halls in Old Acre was doubly fortunate as, in addition to the unique atmosphere, the first part of the programme had a direct connection with the Crusaders and their historical period. The five members of the group provided a seemingly never-ending variety of combinations as they sang and played. Each performed on three or four instruments, alternating and interchanging continuously.
The pantomime provided a most welcome further dimension. Rob van Reijn gets my prize for his tasteful and humorous contributions.
The pieces were well contrasted



The Platters, coming this week for a month's tour of Israel.

PLATTERS DUE FOR VISIT

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
AVIV. — After an interval of 14 years, the popular American singing group, the Platters, are due on Monday for a return visit to Israel.
The group, four men and a girl, began their month-long tour at the Hilton Hotel on New Year's Eve, after which they will perform over the country.
Platters will include old numbers in their repertoire, then evergreens like "Only The Great Pretender," "The Great Pretender," and "Get Into Your Eyes," which caught them to fame in 1955 years after their formation heyday of rock 'n roll. Many of their hits were the work of composer-manager Buck Ram, still with them today.
Although several of the ensemble's members changed in the early years, the distinctive style of relaxing music which is their hallmark remained the same for more than two decades.

BOB HOPE'S LAST HOW IN VIETNAM

ION (Reuters). — A chorus of "Silent Night" from a bevy of girls and several thousand servicemen ended the last of Bob Hope Christmas shows in South Vietnam after nine days.
Bob Hope himself confirmed it would be the last time he would come to South Vietnam — "It's got to be, because that has my blood group in it."
The U.S. presidential elector Mr. Nixon is not winding up his Vietnam tour. He is offering McGovern a job as school crossing attendant on to Chi Minh Trail.

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By JACK MAURICE Jerusalem Post Correspondent BRUSSELS. — Full-scale negotiations will begin early in the new year between the Common Market, Israel and other Mediterranean countries. This follows last week's agreement on interim tariff arrangements, which will cushion the blow for Israel and Spain from entry of Britain, Ireland and Denmark to the European Economic Community on January 1.

THE SPANISH ambassador to the Common Market, Mr. Ullastres, has today hailed the interim agreement as a "great victory." The agreement is a valuable step in that the Common Market will be able to obtain new advantages from the creation of a "global" free trade area.



UP FOR AIR. — Prefabricated drydock for French nuclear submarines being built at Brest, Brittany. The dock — 187m long, 30m wide and 21m deep — is made up of precast concrete sections containing a total of 2,250 tons of steel. In the left foreground a caisson is being floated into place by tugs.

Mark-up IL140 on boots Shoe stores sued for profiteering

By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry has filed lawsuits against a number of retail footwear stores — including some in luxury areas — for profiteering.

SLOW AND SLOPPY ROAD BUILDING IN JERUSALEM

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter For the past few years, the Roads Bureau of the Jerusalem Municipality's Department has been confronting drivers and pedestrians alike with a complex of roadblocks, ditches and detours designed to test both patience and wit.

In a recent interview, the head of the Roads Bureau, Samuel Rubinstein, conceded that it now takes more than twice as long to lay a given section of road in Jerusalem as it did before the Six Day War.

Even in his own office, Mr. Rubinstein points out, there are only 17 engineers and technicians instead of the 44 required. "New graduates from the Technion prefer to work in Tel Aviv or elsewhere where they can get cheaper housing."

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Cold wave kills fish; bananas crops affected

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The current bitter cold has killed many St. Peter's fish (Stipoptera galileana-annona) in the fish ponds in the northern part of the country.

Moshav must give member his quota of chicks

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being able to move outside the narrow confines of the Gaza Strip after 20 years of virtual detention...

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While most of the men were happy after 1967 to be able to get work and have money in their pockets...

STATISTICS: WHOM SHALL WE BELIEVE?

By MOSHE ATER. Jerusalem Post Economic Editor. SELDOM have statistics been so abused, and economists so maligned...

of living in 1971, but it also found that income from other sources declined slightly, more than offsetting the wage gain. Income from self-employment, property, support, and from earnings of 'other family members' remained stationary...

charges. But that is not the end of the story. The survey has also revealed that income differentials among wage-earners decreased in 1971. The Lorenz indicator of inequality dropped to less than 0.3, the lowest figure since 1964.

THE OTHER CHRISTMAS

BEYOND the pilgrimages, the gathering thousands of people of many tongues and races at Bethlehem, far beyond the Mid-night Mass and the bright folklore dear to the hearts of little children all over Christendom...

of biblical parthenogenesis, the girl Miriam being betrothed to Joseph. The religious laws and precepts then were strict in such cases. If the man refused to acknowledge paternity the future mother was rejected by the community...

of the Lord, and the Son of Man mentioned in the book of Daniel, Christmas, this very first Christmas, carried the message of our common God meeting really man in misery, pain and humiliation. Not one single "bastard" remains beyond His gracious and loving care.



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East Germany's debt

Haretz (non-party) calls upon Israel and Jewish organizations in the Diaspora to employ diplomatic and propaganda means in order to induce East Germany to fulfil its share in the payment of reparations to victims of the Nazis.

initiators of these rumours, and not Israelis voicing their hidden thoughts. While France may be interested in improving the atmosphere, there is still a long way to go before achieving a meaningful change.

City rates on high-rise flats

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, - The controversy over the high-rise flats here reminds me of a similar situation which arose in one of the London boroughs several years ago.

Readers' letters

'UNDER THE WHITE PAPER'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, - Your commemorative issue of December 7 was of great general interest indeed, but my wife and I were especially fascinated at the realization that the copy of Daphne Trevor's 'Under the White Paper' which we possess since 1948, is a true collector's item.

The origins of 'Mayim, mayim'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post. Sir, - I refer to Dora Sowden's very interesting report about folk dance (December 8) and permit myself to refresh the memory of 'the mother of folk dance' and state that I created the dance, 'Mayim, mayim' and staged it together with Yehuda Sharet on the occasion of the water festival at Na'an when water was found there after a seven-year search.

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